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SUBJ: WORLD DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE (WDC) AD HOC COMMITTEE

1. FIRST MEETING THIS YEAR OF AD HOC COMMITTEE ON THE WORLD DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE (WDC) TOOK PLACE APRIL 1, ON SAME BASIS AS LAST YEAR. USSR SAT WITH THE FORTY FULL MEMBERS, WHILE UK AND FRANCE SAT APART AS OBSERVERS. US AND CHINA DID NOT ATTEND, AND CHAIRMAN HOVEYDA (IRAN) REPORTED THAT THEIR VIEWS ON A WDC WERE UNCHANGED.

2. COMMITTEE DECIDED TO RE-CONSTITUTE SAME WORKING GROUP AS LAST YEAR, WHICH WILL TAKE ON TASK OF DRAFTING REPORT FOR COMMITTEE TO 30TH GA. ONE QUESTION WHICH AROSE WAS WHETHER MANDATE OF WORKING GROUP SHOULD EXTEND TO THE INCLUSION IN THE DRAFT REPORT OF RECOMMENDATIONS OR CONCLUSIONS. IT

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WILL BE RECALLED THAT PARAGRAPH 2 (A) OF 29TH GA RESOLUTION

PROLONGING LIFE OF THE COMMITTEE DIRECTED THE COMMITTEE TO PREPARE A REPORT TO THE NEXT GA "INCLUDING ANY CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS IT MAY DEEM PERTINENT." CHAIRMAN HOVEYDA INDICATED HE WOULD CHECK WITH THE TWO ABSENT NUCLEAR-WEAPON STATES BEFORE THE END OF THE WEEK TO DETERMINE THEIR VIEWS ON THE PROPER TASKS OF THE WORKING GROUP.

3. REQUEST AUTHORITY TO TELL HOVEYDA THAT THOUGH WE HAVE NO OBJECTION PER SE TO WORKING GROUP PROPOSING TO THE COMMITTEE CONCLUSIONS OR RECOMMENDATIONS AS PART OF ITS DRAFT REPORT, WE ARE CERTAIN THE WORKING GROUP WOULD NOT WISH TO PROPOSE ANY CONCLUSION OR RECOMMENDATION FOR THE COMMITTEE'S APPROVAL WHICH IT HAS REASON TO BELIEVE ANY NUCLEAR-WEAPON STATE WOULD REJECT, SINCE THEIR APPROVAL OF REPORT IS MANDATORY UNDER COMMITTEE'S CONSENSUS PROCEDURE. THEREFORE WE THINK THE WORKING GROUP SHOULD MAINTAIN CLOSE CONTACT WITH THE NUCLEAR-WEAPON STATES IN THE COURSE OF ITS WORK, AS IN FACT IT DID LAST YEAR. WE WOULD ALSO TELL HOVEYDA FRANKLY WE ARE NOT PERSUADED THAT ANY CONCLUSION OR RECOMMENDATION AT ALL WILL BE APPROPRIATE, AND IN VIEW OF LAST YEAR'S DIFFICULTIES ON THIS SCORE WE THINK THE WORKING GROUP MIGHT MOST USEFULLY CONFINE ITSELF TO ANALYZING VIEWS OF GOVERNMENTS.

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